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SCIENCE CURRICULUM AT SCHOOL LEVEL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) has submitted a proposal to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to bring reforms in the Science curricula at the school level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Academy has sought financial and other support from the corporate sector for the various activities of the Academy; and

(d) if so, the purpose thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): The INSA made a presentation in 1999 before the NCERT regarding various facts and emergent trends in science and mathematics education at the upper primary and secondary levels of education. They also identified some themes which may cut across the curricula for the upper primary and secondary stages of school education .

NCERT has brought out the National Curriculum Framework for School Education in November 2000, setting the goals of education for the next generation of materials. While preparing the syllabi and other curricula details for the upper primary and the secondary stages the NCERT had consulted the contents of the presentation made by the INSA and placed them before the experts/practicing teachers representing SCERTs, KVS, private and aided schools, universities and colleges for consideration and inclusion.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.